

**Old Meetinghouse Revitalization (OMRC) Meeting Minutes**  
**August 14, 2019**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Epsom Public Library**  
**FINAL**

**Committee present:** Deb Sargent, Val Long, Chuck Driesbach, Meadow Wysocki, Virginia Drew

**Guests present:** Nancy Heath, Robert Topic

*The Old Meetinghouse Revitalization Committee meets to continue efforts to bring the Old Meetinghouse up to code for occupancy so it may be utilized as a community space. It is the goal of the committee to finance the effort through fundraising without utilizing taxpayer dollars.*

**I. Review and Adoption of July 24, 2019 Minutes**

Val made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Chuck seconded the motion. Minutes were accepted as amended.

**II. Flower Donations**

Deb sent Nancy Heath an inquiry about contributing ideas for flowers in the section between the front stairs. The email communication was discussed and group was informed as to why this discussion was brought forward. Virginia provided information from an email communication she had with Nancy. Meadow suggested that if we are not able to address the extensive ideas from Nancy at this time, maybe she would be willing to have a plant sale and donate the profits to the Meetinghouse. Nancy provided a short term and long term garden plan for the entire property. She also discussed placing a stash garden by the Old Town Hall. It was decided by the committee that we are not in a position to move forward on this at the time because of construction equipment requirements and possible damage to new gardens. The committee did agree that creating a stash garden at the Old Town Hall would be helpful in the future when we are ready to move forward. Nancy was thanked for all her hard work and great ideas.

**III. LCHIP Tour Update**

Val informed the group that LCHIP had a site visit on 7/30/19. Also an intern had come prior to this date and had submitted a report. Board members from LCHIP were in attendance for the 7/30 visit. Norm talked about what we were doing at this point. Val and Deb provided additional updates of the OMRC initiatives as well as documents that would provide additional details. Val indicated that they would like to see written commitments from the organizations that would be using the Meetinghouse.

**IV. LCHIP Stewardship**

Virginia provided updated details of what is included in the Stewardship. Val and Chuck will be appointed to the Stewardship as well as Virginia as the Board of Selectman representative. A Library Trustee is yet to be appointed. Virginia approached the Trustees and they will be getting back to her with a decision. Val and Chuck will need to go the Town Office to sign the appointment papers. Chuck requested Virginia provide a copy of the roof repairs so it can be included in both the Stewardship as well as the buildings expenses.

## **V. OMH Site Plan**

The last site plan the group had seen was from 2008. Virginia had one from 2015 for the entire property so that is the most current copy. Deb asked if there was one specific for Old Meetinghouse portion of the property. A parking plan had already been approved. Virginia explained that the property and building/exterior is owned by the town. The Library and Old Meetinghouse interior is separate. Septic placement will need to be evaluated and possibly moved to the right side of the building to avoid an issues from having it under the upper parking area. This would also allow for the plumbing to be closer. Chuck will look at who had done it prior and have them come out to re-evaluate and look at other possible options for location.

## **VI. Business Letter & Sponsorship Level Discussion**

Meadow provided a first draft of a business letter to target outside of the Epsom businesses. Requested the group provide feedback on possible changes. Would like to be able to provide a quick letter to businesses supported by Epsom residence and include a brochure and donation slip. Val provided a copy of a letter with donation slip her husband had done for a fund drive. Meadow will create a similar donation slip to be included with our brochure. The group discussed levels of donations and possible sponsorship options. Val provided a list of possible items with associated \$ levels. Group will provide feedback at next meeting.

## **VII. Brochures**

Meadow provided the group with the latest brochure printing and each committee member took some to hand out. More are available as needed.

**Public Comments:** Robert Topic thanked the group for a good meeting.

Next meeting will be on September 11, 2019

Val made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Virginia. The meeting ended at 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Meadow Wysocki

